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# Introduction.

I

1. I shall first mention a few properties of homothetic curves and then state the object of this investigation.

Rectangular coordinates will be used throughout the work. Suppose

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

the equation of a curve  $C$ . The equation

$$f[Kx + (1-K)x_0, Ky + (1-K)y_0] = 0,$$

involving the parameter  $K$ , represents all curves homothetic to  $C$ ,  $x_0, y_0$  being the coordinates of the homothetic centre. The parameter  $K$  is called the homothetic ratio. If the origin is taken as the homothetic centre the equation of the homothetic curve reduces to

$$f(Kx, Ky) = 0.$$

Corresponding to a given homothetic centre there is a system of curves homothetic to  $C$  which leaving out of account their





position in the plane represent all the curves homothetic to  $c$ . The homothetic figure of a right line is a parallel right line. The angle of two lines is equal to that of their homologous lines. The tangents at homologous points of homothetic curves are parallel. To pass from the curve  $f(x, y) = 0$ ,

to a homothetic curve we must make the substitution

$$x = Kx' + (1-K)x_0,$$

$$y = Ky' + (1-K)y_0,$$

where  $x_0, y_0$  are the coordinates of the homothetic centre.

2. In this paper I shall apply a certain method, which depends upon the properties of a system of homothetic curves, to the generation of surfaces, and shall show how certain properties of surfaces may



the surface by means of the relation  
A surface may be defined, or a property  
common to each of its points, in which case  
we obtain the equation of the surface by  
translating this property analytically.

But, more usually a surface is defined by  
the movement of a line in space.

$$\{f(x, y, z, a)\} \text{ or } \{f(x, y, z, a)\} = 0$$

the equations of a line containing an  
arbitrary parameter  $a$ ; if  $a$  varies in a  
continuous manner, the line moves in  
space and generates a surface.

The equation of the surface is obtained by  
eliminating  $a$  between the equations of  
the moving line. In the method which  
I have used a surface is defined by the  
motion of a variable plane curve when  
planes always pass through a fixed point  
line. As the line varies a surface is



line as an axis the surface generated  
forms an helicoid in the plane.

It is generally convenient to define  
the motion of this plane curve by  
subjecting it to the condition of moving  
on a certain fixed curve which may be  
either a plane or twisted. In each position  
of the generating curve I am able to de-  
scribe it by means of an equation, when  
in rectangular coordinates  $(x, y)$ .

Any surface whatever can be considered  
as the envelope of a family of surfaces generated  
by curves of the same kind that generate  
it of the same form. The following theorem  
will be shown that if the axis of rotation  
is taken as the axis of  $y$  and the generating  
curve is a straight line, the equation of  
the surface will be of the form  
$$y = \phi(x) + \psi(x),$$



and if the generating curve is such that the equation of the surface will be of the form

$$z^2 + y^2 \phi_1\left(\frac{z}{y}\right) + x^2 + y^2 + x \phi_2\left(\frac{z}{y}\right) + \phi_3\left(\frac{z}{y}\right) = 0.$$

Then it is known as a paraboloid of the second kind and is denoted by  $\Pi$  but in the present paper of evolution.

A surface of evolution is generated by the rotation of an irreducible plane curve about a fixed straight line which lies in its plane. During the rotation the initial position of the curve and curve are exchanged. The straight line about which the rotation takes place is called the axis of the surface. Each point of the curve describes a circle which is called a parallel and the generating curve is called a meridian of the surface of evolution. In order to find the equation





of a surface of revolution, we take  
for the axis of rotation the axis  $z$ ,  
and for the plane in which the generating  
curve is originally placed the  $x, y$  plane.  
If a system of curves is considered, it follows  
that the equation of the generating curve is  
 $y = f(x)$ .

Now imagine the surface cut by any  
plane which passes through the axis of  $z$   
and assume that a plane system of  
rectangular coordinates  $(x, y, z)$  is chosen.  
Must cut out from the surface one of the  
original congruent curves, the equation of  
the section must be

$$y = f(x)$$

the projection of the surface on the  $x, y$  plane  
is a circle of radius  $f(x)$   
the surface is a cylinder



$$z = f(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}).$$

in the equation of the surface  $z = f(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$ .  
 In this case the equation of the plane curve is given by means of the coordinate  $(x, y)$ , but as the curve is involute if we know its properties in any point of the plane we know them in any other position, so the only use of these coordinates is in generating the surface.  
 4. The radius vectors are directed, as has been already mentioned, upon the foci of a system of homothetic plane curves. The appearance of surfaces of revolution depends upon a system of homothetic plane curves, the use of the surface being perpendicular to the plane of these circles and passing through the homothetic centre.

5. The same method can be applied



to the study of solid curves.  
 If two plane curves lie in the  
 same plane and are referred to the  
 same coordinates, their intersection will  
 appear in the same coordinates and  
 will be a curve of order  $n$  in the plane.  
 If the curves are of order  $n$  and  $m$   
 then a bundle of the equations  
 of the plane in an  $n$  or  $m$  order  
 will give the intersection. In  
 general the intersection of two curves  
 is the tangent at their points





## I.

1. Being given any system of fundamental curves in the plane of  $x, y$ , it may, on taking the origin at the fundamental center, be represented by the equation

$$(1) \quad f(x, y) = 0$$

the equation

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

represents a curve of the system which will be called the fundamental curve of the system.

$$L(Kx, Ky) = 0$$

will be referred to as the curve  $P$ .

If we denote by  $\rho$  the absolute value of the distance from the origin to a point  $P$  of the fundamental curve and by  $\theta$  the absolute value of the angle in degrees or radians, say, as it has the same sense as the angle  $\theta$  which the radius vector  $\rho$  makes with the positive  $x$ -axis, the curve  $P$  may be written



$P'$  of the curve  $(A)$  we shall have

$$1) \quad A = \frac{c}{x}.$$

Now suppose that at a point  $P'$  of the curve a perpendicular  $z$  is erected to the plane of  $xy$ ; the elimination of the perpendicular trace out a surface  $\Phi(x, y, z)$  for the point  $P'$  of the curve  $(A)$  by

$$2) \quad \Phi(x, y, z) = 0,$$

the equation of the surface will be obtained by elimination & between  $A = \frac{c}{x}$  &  $\Phi(x, y, z) = 0$ . From the elimination of  $x$  &  $y$  in the plane of the surface obtained the equation  $\Psi(z) = 0$  from which the values of  $z$  are obtained on the surface  $\Phi(x, y, z) = 0$  at the point

$$3) \quad \Psi(z) = 0,$$

where  $z$  is the value of  $z$  at the point  $P'$ . This equation, therefore, indicates the values of  $z$  at the point  $P'$  on the surface  $\Phi(x, y, z) = 0$ .



of the action of the surface by the line  
 L.O.T. of

$$f(x, y, z) = 0$$

is an algebraic curve, of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree, and  
 thus for any line through the origin we can  
 get a finite number of values of  $t$ , say  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ .  
 The set of these values will correspond  
 to a curve  $\psi(t)$  and accordingly the action of the  
 surface by a plane through the axis  
 OZ will consist of the  $n$  plane curves

$$f(x, y, z) = 0, \quad (x, y, z) = (t, \psi(t), t)$$

It is not necessary, however, to use the same  
 direction  $OX$  for the operation. The action  
 of the plane  $OXZ$  which gives  $OX$  is the  
 positive direction for  $t$  and you have the  
 line  $OX$ ;  $OX'$  is the positive direction.

The surface obtained by eliminating  $t$  and

$$f(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\psi(t) = 0$$



is therefore generated by the motion of  
these in plane curves as their common  
plane rotates about the axis of  $z$ .  
The equation

$$\phi(x, y, z) = 0 \quad (1)$$

will be called the type equation of the  
generating plane curve. If the fundamental  
curve is at an ordinary point of the  
fundamental curve, it will only give the  
equation of the fundamental curve & the  
1<sup>st</sup> degree and the section of the surface.  
If  $\phi$  is a function of the coordinates of the special  
position of the cutting plane, when  $\phi = 0$   
is tangent to the fundamental curve at the  
origin, will give the equation of the curve.

$$\phi(x, y, z) = 0 \quad (2)$$

and the curve

$$\phi(x, y, z) = 0, \quad (3)$$

When  $\phi = 0$  is tangent to the fundamental curve





curve at the origin, the action will consist of

$$\Psi(x, \frac{t}{c}, \frac{x}{x}) = 0, \quad c \neq 0, \quad |i| = 3, 4, \dots$$

$$\Psi(x, \frac{t}{c}, \frac{x}{x}) = K \frac{t}{c} - a, \quad (a = 1, \dots)$$

If the homotopic centre is at an  $m^{\text{th}}$  point

the action will consist of the curve

$$\Psi(x, \frac{t}{c}, \frac{x}{x}) = 0, \quad c \neq 0, \quad |i| = m+2, m+3, \dots$$

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When TOT is tangent to the fundamental

curve at the origin the action will be

$$\Psi(x, \frac{t}{c}, \frac{x}{x}) = 0, \quad c \neq 0, \quad |i| = m+2, m+3, \dots$$

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2. If we desire the line around which the

axis of the quantity  $\Psi$  is constant and

which enclose the plane of  $x, y$  and the branch

centre to be parallel to the axis of  $y$ , it is

different to the action of the line

$$\int [Kx + (1-K)x_0, Ky + (1-K)y_0] = 0,$$

$$\Psi(x, \frac{1}{K-1}, \frac{y-y_0}{x-x_0}) = 0,$$

$x_0, y_0$  being the coordinates of the line



a line in the plane

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

is the fundamental curve.

The system of homothetic curves is

$$K^2 x^2 + K^2 y^2 = r^2,$$

where we obtain

$$x^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

Therefore the differential equation

$$\psi(x, y) = 0$$

has the same solution as the system of curves. The fundamental curve is the first integral of the system of the equations

$$x = r$$

where the equations

$$\psi(x, y) = 0$$

$$\psi(x, y) = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

(1)

— (1)



a point then comes lying on the plane  
 $Z=0$  which is symmetrical with respect  
 to the axis of  $Z$  and then the normal  
 up to the section cut out by the  
 plane  $Z=0$  from the surface obtained  
 by eliminating  $t$  between

$$\psi(x, y, z) = 0,$$

$$z = x^2 + y^2.$$

It is evident that the section of the  
 surface by any plane through the axis  
 of  $Z$  is symmetrical with respect to  
 the axis. If  $x$  is actually present in  
 the equation of the type then the  
 section will agree with the section plane  
 the equation of the surface will then  
 have the form

$$\psi(x, (x^2 + y^2), \frac{z}{x^2 + y^2}) = 0,$$

or more generally

$$\psi(x, y, (x^2 + y^2), \frac{z}{x^2 + y^2}) = 0.$$





If the surface is a surface of revolution, the section remains unchanged with the cutting plane. This is an immediate by-product of  $\Phi$  from the type equation, and the equation of the surface becomes

$$\Psi(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, z) = 0.$$

4. Since the circle is a curve of the second order it would seem that, regarding to the  $yz$  plane, the intersection above, the number of possible curves would be two, and yet it is evident that there are not always two distinct curves, so for instance, the rotation of a circle about a diameter taken as the axis of  $z$ . In fact there would be two curves, but they may be coincident. If the type equation

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = 0$$

contains only even powers of  $x$  and  $y$



generating curve will be constant and  
 this generating curve will be a part of  
 which part to the side of  $y$   
 5. Assuming that the equations of the  
 sections of any proposed surface by  
 planes through the axis of  $y$  can be ex-  
 pressed by one and the same equation involv-  
 ing an arbitrary parameter determining the  
 position of the section, there is no loss of  
 generality in writing this equation

$$\psi(z, t, \frac{x}{\lambda}) = 0$$

since  $\frac{x}{\lambda}$  can be taken without parameter  
 depending by what provides any surface  
 whatever has sections by planes through  
 the axis of  $y$  all equations will express the  
 same surface in the foregoing  
 manner by means of a system of convenient  
 values and then have the equation for  
 surface in the form



$$\frac{d}{dt} (1 - \cos \theta) = 0.$$

In the case of a surface in which the sections are not symmetrical with respect to the axis of  $y$ , the same method would hardly be applicable, but could not be put into use unless the surface were symmetrical about the axis of  $y$ . Every body that is of a form the same as that of a sphere, though the value of  $t$ , it may be brought in, though the parameter  $\phi$ . In this case the rationalization of the equation may take place through cancellation of the radical and without raising to powers. When this is the case, the sign must be understood in the value of  $t = \sqrt{1 + \phi^2}$ , one surface will be represented when one sign is taken, the symmetrical surface when the other sign is taken.



6. Use a sample of the breaking of a  
 in a straight surface, but use given in  
 the plane.

$$x + y + z = 1$$

Let the section of a straight line which  
 passes through the point  $(0, 1)$  on the  
 axis of  $y$ . For the type equation of the  
 generating line let us take

$$y - 1 = \cot \theta$$

Let  $\theta$  be the tangent of the angle which  
 the line makes with the radius vector.

There we shall suppose to vary with  
 the position of the  $y$ -plane, and  
 accordingly to be a function of  $y$ . If  $y$   
 we shall suppose

$$\cot \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$y - 1 = \frac{x + y}{x} - 1$$

So get the surface given by





substitute for  $t$  its value  $1 - \bar{x} - \bar{y}$ , and  
 we get the simultaneous equations

$$x + y + z - 1 = 0,$$

$$z - 1 - x - y = 0.$$

7. To generate a surface of revolution we  
 must eliminate  $t$  between the equations  
 of the type curve

$$\psi(r, t) = 0,$$

and  $t = 1 - x - y$ .

If only  $y$  and  $z$  occur in the  
 equation of the type curve, the two gener-  
 ating curves will coincide, and only one curve  
 will be generated which is symmetrical  
 with respect to the axis of  $z$ . If  $x$  also occurs  
 in the equation of the type curve, then  
 the two generating curves will be distinct  
 and the surface of revolution will be a  
 surface of two sheets. If the equation of the  
 type curve does not contain  $\frac{y}{x}$ , then  
 the surface will be a surface of revolution  
 by one of the curves which is symmetrical



surface the same as well being the same surface.

8. In the case of homothetic concentric circles we have just seen that if  $\frac{y^2}{x}$  does not occur in the type equation, the section of the surface does not change with the cutting plane. There is the only homogeneous system which possesses this property, for in all other systems,  $\frac{y^2}{x}$  varies with the cutting plane. We have seen you some examples in which advantage is taken of the variation of  $\frac{y^2}{x}$ . In the last part take the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2x,$$

as the fundamental curve. We obtain

$$z = x^2 + y^2.$$

As the type equation, we have

$$z = x^2 + y^2.$$

The section of the surface, the



conic section

$$x^2 = 4p^2y \quad \text{or}$$

$$x^2 = 4p^2y, \quad y = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 = 0.$$

The section therefore consists of the parabola

$$x^2 = 4p^2y,$$

and the axis of  $y$  counted twice. The distance of the focus of the parabola from the origin is equal to the square of the distance from the origin to the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2x,$$

measured along the radius vector  $OT$ .

Since the section consists of a parabola and two coincident straight lines the surface is of the fourth order. The equation of the section of the surface by the plane

204 is  $x^2 + y^2 = 2x$ , which represents the axis of  $y$  counted four times. The axis of  $y$  is therefore a double line of the surface.



surface, has a triple point at the origin,  
for any line drawn through the origin and  
lying in the plane  $Z O T$  meets the parabola

$$t^2 = 4c^2z;$$

in two points at the origin and the axis  
of  $y$  in two coincident points. Any line  
therefore, drawn through the origin, meets  
the surface in at least three coincident  
points that is the origin is a triple  
point. The line  $Z O T$  is tangent to the  
parabola  $t^2 = 4c^2z$

at the origin and meets the axis of  $z$   
in two coincident points, whence it meets  
the surface in four coincident points.

The plane of  $xy$  therefore forms part of  
the cone of tangents to the surface at  
the origin. Since the section in the  
plane of  $yz$  consists of the axis of  $z$   
and the parabola  $t^2 = 4c^2z$  the plane of  $yz$





the origin and lying in this plane intersect the surface in four coincident points, hence this plane forms part of the cone of tangents. It is readily seen that this plane is a stationary tangent plane and therefore the cone of tangents consists of the plane  $xyz = 0$  and of the plane  $xyz = 4$  counted twice. Eliminating  $t$  between

$$t^2 = 4x^2z,$$

$$\frac{t}{x} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2x},$$

we get for the equation of the surface

$$(x^2 + y^2)^2 - 16x^2z = 0.$$

The nature of the surface by planes parallel to the plane of  $xy$  are composed of circles. For example the section by the plane  $z = a$  gives a circle of radius  $a$  in the plane

$$z = a, \quad x^2 + y^2 = 4a^2.$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4a^2.$$



If the  $4^{\text{th}}$ , one of three circles figures  
is the fundamental circle.

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2,$$

while the other figures are the sym-  
metric of the fundamental circle with  
respect to the origin.



The surface may therefore be generated  
by the motion of a circle whose plane is  
parallel to the plane of  $xy$ , the extremities  
of a diameter of the circle moving upon the  
axis of  $y$  and upon the generating parallel  
in the plane of  $xy$  as shown in the  
figure.





The centre  $H$  of the generating circle moves on the parabola  $x^2 = z$ .

Suppose now that the equation of the type curve is

$$\frac{z^2}{c^2} + \frac{t^2}{p^2} = 1.$$

The section consists of the ellipse

$$\frac{z^2}{c^2} + \frac{t^2}{p^2} = 1,$$

and the axis of  $y$  counted twice.

We are to form the equation of the surface consisting of the axis of  $y$  counted twice as of the sheet generated by the motion of an ellipse whose plane always passes through the axis of  $y$ .



one axis of the ellipse being constant  
and the extremity of the other moving  
on the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2x.$$

Combining it with the equation of  
the type curve by means of

$$\frac{t}{c} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{c^2}$$

we get fourth equation of the surface

$$4x^2y^2 - c^2(x^2 + y^2)^2 - 4c^2x^2 = 0,$$

which represents a quartic surface with  
a double point at the origin. If the  
generating curve is the hyperbolas

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

the equation of the surface is

$$4x^2y^2 - c^2(x^2 + y^2)^2 - 4c^2x^2 = 0.$$

The equation of the asymptotes of  
the generating hyperbolas is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 0,$$

whereas the equation of the asymptotes





generated by these asymptotes are

$$4x^2y^2 - c^2/x^2 + y^2 = 0,$$

which breaks up into the cones

$$2xy - c/x^2 + y^2 = 0,$$

$$2xy + c/x^2 + y^2 = 0,$$

and each of these cones is asymptotic to the surface. The cones and the surface have the axis of  $z$  for a common line, for in the plane of  $xy$  the generating hyperbolas reduce to these axes.

Suppose that the hyperbolas are

$$x^2 + (y - cy)^2 = (cy)^2.$$

The point  $t = 0, y = 0$  is evidently a cusp, at which  $t = cy = 0$  is the tangent as in the accompanying figure.





The type equations represents the curve

$$c^3/t - (c)^2 - |t - c|^5 = 0, \quad c \neq 0,$$

$$\text{and} \quad c^3/t - (cx)^2 - |t - c|^5 = 0, \quad c = 0,$$

if it is the section consists of the curve

$$c^3/t - (cy)^2 - |t - c|^5 = 0,$$

and of the axis or  $z$  counted five times.

The surface with  $h$  of the last section and will have a quintuple point at the origin. The section in the plane of  $xy$  will consist of the axis of  $y$  counted ten times, and this axis is a quintuple line of the surface. The locus of the point  $P$  will be a cuspidal line of the surface and its equation is

$$y = 1, \quad x^2 + y^2 = zx$$

The tangent to the cusp will provide the cone

$$x^2 + y^2 = zx, \quad z = 0.$$

Eliminating  $z$  between the equations



$$P(x, y, z) = (x^2 + y^2 - 2xz)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 - 2xz)^2 = 0$$

$$t = x^2 + y^2 - 2xz$$

we get for the equation of the surface

$$(x^2 + y^2 - 2xz)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 - 2xz)^2 = 0.$$

Suppose that the straight line

$$ax + by = 1,$$

is the fundamental curve. We obtain

$$t = ax + by$$

and there is but one generating curve since the straight line is a curve of the first order. Suppose that the type is given

$$y - t = c.$$

The problem is to form the equation of the surface generated by the motion of a straight line which always passes through the origin and the tangent of which makes an angle with the axis of  $y$  is numerically equal to the distance from the origin to the line.



measured along the line 'r o r'. We get  
for the surface the plane

$$ax + by - z = 0.$$

If the type equation is

$$\frac{x^2}{c^2} + y^2 = 1,$$

the surface will be generated by the motion of an ellipse having one focus constant while the identity of the other focus moves on the line

$$ax + by = 1.$$

We get for the equation of the surface

$$\frac{y^2}{c^2} + (ax + by)^2 = 1,$$

which by an easy change of axes becomes

$$Y^2 + X^2 = 1,$$

which represents an elliptical cylinder.

With this system we have only a fixed plane and a fixed line on which the focus must appear, the type equation being

$$\phi(r, \theta) = 0.$$





is the type equation, the equations of the surface will be

$$\phi(x, y) + \psi(z) = 0,$$

where  $\phi$  is the type equation of single order and the degree of  $\psi$  is the order of  $\phi$ . It appears that the homogeneous case can

$$x^{m+n} y^m z^n = 1,$$

and that the sections of the surface are given by the type equations

$$x^{m+n} = c, y^m = c,$$

the same for the equations of the surface

$$x^m y^m z^k = c,$$

which represents a class of surfaces whose lines of curvature can be obtained. Now let us take some special cases of these surfaces. It appears that the fundamental curves of the equations: Hyperbola

$$x^2 - y^2 = 1,$$

where  $x, y, z$  are the coordinates of the surface.

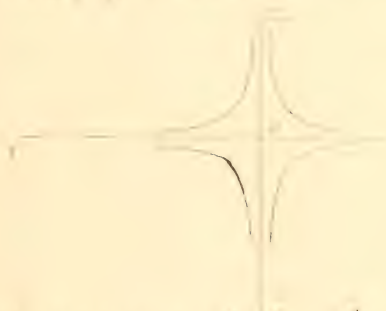


$$\frac{1}{r} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

For the type equation let us take

$$y^2 = 1.$$

Lines  $y = 1$  and the type equation represents two conjugate hyperbolas which are symmetric with respect to the origin. The action of the surface by a plane through the origin is as shown in the figure.



If the semi-axis of the hyperbola is denoted by  $a$ , we have

$$a = \sqrt{a^2},$$

where  $a$  denotes the distance measured from the origin to the fundamental hyperbola.



$$x_2 = 1,$$

along the radius vector '101'. The surface is asymptotic to the axes of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  at infinity and the equation is  $x_1^2 x_2 = 1$ .

Suppose that the parabola

$$y^2 = -x,$$

is the fundamental curve and that the type equation is

$$2xy.T = 1.$$

This type equation stands for the equilateral hyperbola

$$xy.T = 1$$

and  $xy.T = 1, \quad T = 0,$

where both equations represent the axes of the surface, where both the axes intersect the origin will be at an ordinary point of the surface. The curve  $xy.T = 1$  of the general hyperbola is perpendicular to the axes



from the origin to the fundamental parallels.

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

is drawn in the  $xz$  plane and  $T$ . The section of the surface is shown in the figure.



The sections, taken to the axis of  $y$  and  $z$  in the plane of  $xy$ , form in this plane the equilateral hyperbola referred to these axes. The surface consists of two sheets, one of which lies above the plane of  $xy$  and on that side of the plane of  $yz$  which is the positive direction of  $x$ , the other sheet lies below the plane of  $xy$  and on that side of the plane of  $yz$  which is the negative direction of  $x$ . The two sheets are joined together along the axis of  $y$  and  $z$ .





which are lines of the surface, i.e. the generators of the surface.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

9. The quadric surfaces are readily generated in the following way. Let the type equation be

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

and the fundamental curve be

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + z^2 = 1$$

We get for the equations of the surface

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + z^2 = 1$$

which represents a surface of revolution, whose axis is along the z-axis, if  $a=b$ . If  $a \neq b$ , the surface is the ellipsoid.

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + z^2 = 1$$

The type equation above that we are generated by the motion of an ellipse, one of whose vertices is at the origin, the identity of the ellipse with the surface

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} =$$



Let the type equation be

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1,$$

while the fundamental curve is

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1.$$

The equation of the corresponding surface

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1,$$

which is a hypothesis of the type equation above, that it is generated by the motion of a hypothesis one of whose semi-axes is equal to  $c$  while the extremity of the other moves on the type curve.

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$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1.$$

which is a hypothesis of the type equation above



The type equation shows that it is a generalised by the motion of an ellipse, one of whose semi-axes is equal to  $c$  while the extremity of the other moves on the hyperbola.

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

If the type equation is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

the fundamental equation is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

the equation of the corresponding surface is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

which represents an ellipsoid.

Verify the same type surface that satisfies

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

for the fundamental equation is the equation of the surface

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

which represents an hyperbolic paraboloid.

10. A point on a twisted curve.



of its projection on the plane of the base. The ray is represented as follows by

$$z = z(x),$$

$$t = h(x).$$

The first equation represents a right cone having the axis of  $z$  as its axis while the second represents a cylinder having its generators parallel to the axis of  $z$ . The equations

$$z = h(x)$$

are called the type equations. If for the geometrical curve we take the curve

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1,$$

the equations of the cone become

$$z = z(x),$$

$$t = h(x),$$

which could not be well represented as a cone.

The type equation

$$t = h(x),$$





may be considered as representing a curve in the plane of  $xy$  which is symmetrical with respect to the origin for on substituting  $-y$  for  $+y$  its value, the type equations become

$$2ax^2 = b(x^2)$$

In the same way, as in the case of surfaces, we observe that this may break up into a curve which is not symmetrical with respect to the origin together with the symmetric of this curve. Assuming that the points of a twisted curve cut out by planes through the axis of  $z$  can be represented by the same equations involving an arbitrary parameter but assuming the positions of the cutting planes, there is no lack of quantity in writing these equations

$$\begin{aligned} x &= a(x) \\ y &= b(x) \end{aligned}$$

since  $y$  can be taken as that parameter. Accordingly the curve is given by



whether whose <sup>point of</sup> section by planes through the axis is an equidistance with respect to the axis can be represented as the foregoing manner. But when the axis of symmetry is not the source of section are not symmetrical with respect to the axis of  $y$ , the same method need not necessarily be applicable, but would give on the first instance not only the proposed curve but also its symmetric with respect to the axis of  $y$ .

11. A twisted curve may also be represented by means of the equations

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z, \frac{z}{x}) &= 0, \\ g(x, y, z, \frac{z}{x}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

In the plane of  $\angle O' T$  these equations taken together will represent a certain number of points which are intersections in the various sections of two plane curves. As the plane rotates about the axis of  $y$  these points



As an example let us solve the following problem.  
The plane of three circles passes through the  
axis of  $x$  and each circle moves on three arbitrary  
curves. Determine the three surfaces generated  
by these circles, the surfaces traced out  
by their radii, and the surface generated  
by the circle which cuts these three circles  
orthogonally. Also determine the curves on which  
the centres of these three circles move and the  
curve formed by their radii.

Let  $x, y, z$  be the coordinates of the three circles

$$S_1 = 0, \quad S_2 = 0, \quad S_3 = 0.$$

These circles will be referred to as our circles

$S_1, S_2, S_3$  respectively. Suppose that the general

$$x^2 + y^2 + Az + Bx + Cy = 0$$

represents the circle  $S_1$ . Then  $A, B, C$  can be

be determined by the condition that the  
circle passes through the three curves



$(z_1, t_1), (z_2, t_2), (z_3, t_3)$ . If then three points lie on the curves

$$z = z_1 / x, t = h_1 / x,$$

$$z = z_2 / x, t = h_2 / x,$$

$$z = z_3 / x, t = h_3 / x,$$

respectively, the equation of the circle, is

$$\begin{vmatrix} z^2 + t^2 & z & t & 1 \\ z_1^2 + h_1^2 & z_1 & h_1 & 1 \\ z_2^2 + h_2^2 & z_2 & h_2 & 1 \\ z_3^2 + h_3^2 & z_3 & h_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

which can be written in the form

$$z^2 + t^2 + 2z D_1 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) + 2t E_1 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) + F_1 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) = 0,$$

where the coefficients of the above equation are functions of  $x$  only. The equation of the circle can therefore be written

$$[S_1] \quad z^2 + t^2 + 2z D_1 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) + 2t E_1 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) + F_1 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) = 0,$$

$$[S_2] \quad z^2 + t^2 + 2z D_2 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) + 2t E_2 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) + F_2 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) = 0,$$

$$[S_3] \quad z^2 + t^2 + 2z D_3 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) + 2t E_3 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) + F_3 \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) = 0.$$

The ordinary method for the determination





of a circle orthogonal to three given circles  
 is an applicable equation for finding the  
 circle

$$\begin{vmatrix} D_1(\frac{z}{x}) + \gamma & E_1(\frac{z}{x}) + t & \gamma D_1(\frac{z}{x}) + t E_1(\frac{z}{x}) + F_1(\frac{z}{x}) \\ D_2(\frac{z}{x}) + \gamma & E_2(\frac{z}{x}) + t & \gamma D_2(\frac{z}{x}) + t E_2(\frac{z}{x}) + F_2(\frac{z}{x}) \\ D_3(\frac{z}{x}) + \gamma & E_3(\frac{z}{x}) + t & \gamma D_3(\frac{z}{x}) + t E_3(\frac{z}{x}) + F_3(\frac{z}{x}) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

This circle will be called the circle  $O$ .

To obtain the equations of the surfaces traced out  
 by these circles we substitute for  $t$  its value found  
 in the equations of the circles and get for the surfaces

$$(S_1) \quad z^2 + x^2 + y^2 + 2\gamma D_1(\frac{z}{x}) + 2E_1(\frac{z}{x})\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + F_1(\frac{z}{x}) = 0,$$

$$(S_2) \quad z^2 + x^2 + y^2 + 2\gamma D_2(\frac{z}{x}) + 2E_2(\frac{z}{x})\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + F_2(\frac{z}{x}) = 0,$$

$$(S_3) \quad z^2 + x^2 + y^2 + 2\gamma D_3(\frac{z}{x}) + 2E_3(\frac{z}{x})\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + F_3(\frac{z}{x}) = 0,$$

$$(O) \quad \begin{vmatrix} D_1(\frac{z}{x}) + \gamma & E_1(\frac{z}{x}) + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} & \gamma D_1(\frac{z}{x}) + E_1(\frac{z}{x})\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + F_1(\frac{z}{x}) \\ D_2(\frac{z}{x}) + \gamma & E_2(\frac{z}{x}) + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} & \gamma D_2(\frac{z}{x}) + E_2(\frac{z}{x})\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + F_2(\frac{z}{x}) \\ D_3(\frac{z}{x}) + \gamma & E_3(\frac{z}{x}) + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} & \gamma D_3(\frac{z}{x}) + E_3(\frac{z}{x})\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + F_3(\frac{z}{x}) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

For the surfaces traced out by the  
 circles of the circle  $O$  we get



$$\{S_1\} = 3 \left[ D_1 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - D_1 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right] + \dots + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \left[ E_1 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - E_1 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right] + F_1 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - F_1 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = 0$$

$$\{S_2\} = 3 \left[ D_2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - D_2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right] + \dots + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \left[ E_2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - E_2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right] + F_2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - F_2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = 0$$

$$\{S_3\} = 3 \left[ D_3 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - D_3 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right] + \dots + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \left[ E_3 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - E_3 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right] + F_3 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - F_3 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = 0$$

These three equations have a common

common namely, the locus of the radical centre of the three circles. Writing the equations of the three circles in the form,

$$\{S_1\} \quad (x + D_1)^2 + (y + E_1)^2 = D_1^2 + E_1^2 - F_1,$$

$$\{S_2\} \quad (x + D_2)^2 + (y + E_2)^2 = D_2^2 + E_2^2 - F_2,$$

$$\{S_3\} \quad (x + D_3)^2 + (y + E_3)^2 = D_3^2 + E_3^2 - F_3,$$

we can find the radical centre by subtracting

$$\{S_1\} \quad x = -D_1 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right), \quad y = -E_1 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$\{S_2\} \quad x = -D_2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right), \quad y = -E_2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$\{S_3\} \quad x = -D_3 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right), \quad y = -E_3 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

The radical centre of the three circles may be found by writing the equations of the circle 0 in the same form and getting the coordinates of the centre, or it may be found easily from the equations at the bottom of page 25.



the equations are

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} E_1(x) & F_1(x) & E_1(x) - E_0(x) \\ D_1(x) & F_1(x) & E_1(x) - E_0(x) \\ D_2(x) - D_0(x) & E_1(x) - E_0(x) \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} D_1(x) - D_0(x) & E_1(x) - E_0(x) \\ D_2(x) - D_0(x) & E_1(x) - E_0(x) \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} D_1(x) - D_0(x) & F_1(x) - F_0(x) \\ D_2(x) - D_0(x) & F_1(x) - F_0(x) \\ D_1(x) - D_0(x) & E_1(x) - E_0(x) \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} D_1(x) - D_0(x) & E_1(x) - E_0(x) \\ D_2(x) - D_0(x) & E_1(x) - E_0(x) \end{vmatrix}}$$

As another example let us determine the area generated by the forces of intersection of the curves

$$y^2 = 4 - x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad y = x^2$$

the straight line

$$x = 2$$





$a$  is the distance  $OA$  and is the diameter of the circle  $OHA$  which lies in the plane  $ZOT$ . The circle is asymptotic to the line  $AR$  that is to the line

$$t = 0.$$

Now let us suppose that the point  $A$  moves in the plane  $ZOT$  so that

$$t = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}},$$

in the plane of  $xy$  ( $t$  being polar coordinates in this plane). The intersection of the circle with the line  $OR$  are given by

$$y^2 \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} - t \right) - t^3 = 0,$$

$$t - y = 0,$$

whence the twisted curve described by these intersections is

$$y^2 \left[ x \pm \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \right] \pm \left[ x^2 + y^2 \right]^2 = 0,$$

which breaks up into the asymptotic curve





$$y^2(x-x^2+y^2) - x^2 + y^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0$$

$$z^2 [x + x^2 + y^2] + (x^2 + y^2)^2 = 0,$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0.$$

It is easily seen that the last curve is  
the same as the first one. The curve is  
defined by the equations

$$x^2 + y^2 = 0,$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 0.$$

The equations of the curve are therefore

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0,$$

$$(x+y)^2 = 1+z^2.$$

The type equations

$$z^2 (x^2 + y^2 - 1) - x^2 = 0$$

show us for the circle

$$z^2 / (x^2 + y^2) = 1 - z^2 = 0,$$

and the curve

$$(z^2 + 1) t = 0.$$



Since the hyperbolae

$$T^2 - z^2 = 0,$$

represents the lines  $OR$  and  $OR'$ , the intersection of these two lines with the curve

$$z^2 \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} - t \right) - t^3 = 0,$$

$$(x^2 + y^2) t = 0,$$

will be the points of the curves which begin in the plane  $z = 0$ . The curve

consists of the points  $L, L'$  and the origin counted six times. The curve is therefore of the eighth order and has the origin for a sextuple point.

The curve consists of two branches traced out by the points  $L, L'$  which are symmetrical with respect to the planes of  $xy$  and  $xy'$ .

Now let us consider the curve traced out by the points  $R$  and  $R'$ .

The asymptote of the cissoid is

$$z^2 \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} - t \right) - t^3 = 0,$$

or



where the corresponding sum for the curve

$$(x^2 + y^2) \cdot z^2 = 0,$$

is  $\sum z^2 = 0$ .

The locus of the line in the lines  $OR$  and  $OR'$  consist of the points  $R, R'$  and the origin counted twice. The curve therefore is of the fourth order and has a double point at the origin. As the plane  $ZOT$  rotates from the position  $ZOX$  to the position  $ZOY$ , the asymptote  $RR'$  approaches  $OZ$  and in the limit coincides with  $OZ$ . In this motion the points  $R, R'$  trace out branches of the curve and in the limiting position coincide at  $O$  where the lines intersect. These points always lie on the lines  $OR, OR'$  and in the limit these lines coincide with the bisectors of the angle of  $YOZ$ . These lines are therefore the tangents to the curve at the double point.



By rotating the plane from the position  $LOX$  to the position  $LOX'$  the character of the curve is described.

Find the equation of the surface generated by the motion of a straight line which touches the axis of  $z$  and moves on two arbitrary curves.

The type equation of the straight line may be written in the form

$$\frac{y - y_0}{x - x_0} = \frac{z - z_0}{t - t_0}$$

Suppose that the point  $(y_0, t_0)$  describes the curve

$$y = y_0\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \quad t = h_0\left(\frac{y}{x}\right),$$

where the point  $(y_1, t_1)$  describes the curve

$$y = y_1\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \quad t = h_1\left(\frac{y}{x}\right).$$

We must therefore substitute in the equation of the straight line

$$y = y_0\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \quad t = h_0\left(\frac{y}{x}\right),$$

$$y_1 = y_1\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \quad t = h_1\left(\frac{y}{x}\right),$$

which now assumes the form





$$\frac{z - z_0(\frac{y}{x})}{t - t_0(\frac{y}{x})} = \frac{z_1(\frac{y}{x}) - z_0(\frac{y}{x})}{t_1(\frac{y}{x}) - t_0(\frac{y}{x})} = \Phi(\frac{y}{x}) \text{ say.}$$

Clearing of fractions we have after multiplying by the value  $(t_1 - t_0)$ ,

$$z - z_0(\frac{y}{x}) (t_1 - t_0) = z_1(\frac{y}{x}) (t_1 - t_0) + t_0(t_1 - t_0)$$

which can be put in the form

$$z = x\Phi(\frac{y}{x}) + \Psi(\frac{y}{x}),$$

or in the equivalent form

$$z = y\phi_1(\frac{y}{x}) + \psi(\frac{y}{x}).$$

Either of the two forms where  $\phi, \phi_1, \psi$  are arbitrary — the equation of the surface for the problem may also be worded, find the equation of a surface generated by a straight line which moves the axis of  $y$ , moves on an arbitrary curve and makes an angle varying according to a given law with the axis of  $x$ .

When the type equation takes the form

$$t - t_0 = \lambda(z - z_0),$$



Let any

$$z_0 = \psi_0\left(\frac{y_0}{x}\right),$$

$$t_0 = h_0\left(\frac{y_0}{x}\right),$$

$$\lambda = \lambda\left(\frac{y_0}{x}\right)$$

we get for the equation of the surface

$$z = \lambda \psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

If the type equation is

$$z - z_0 = \lambda t,$$

we have

$$\lambda = c_1 \lambda = \psi_0\left(\frac{y_0}{x}\right),$$

the surface is generated by a straight line which passes through the fixed point  $c$  on the axis of  $z$  and makes an angle varying according to a given law with the axis. The surface is therefore a cone whose equation is

$$z = \psi_0\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + c,$$

which may be written

$$z = \lambda \psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + c.$$



If the vertex of the cone is at the origin the equation reduces to

$$z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

If the <sup>top</sup> vertex of the cone is

$$z - z_0 = 0,$$

where  $z_0 = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ,

the surface is generated by the motion of a straight line which passes through the axis of  $z$  and is always parallel to the plane of  $xy$ . The surface is therefore a right cone whose equation is

$$z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

If the type equation is

$$x - x_0 = 0,$$

where  $x_0 = \sqrt{y^2 + z^2}$ ,

the surface is generated by the motion of a line which is always parallel to the axis of  $z$ . The surface is a right cylinder whose equation is



$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right),$$

which may be written

$$z = \psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right).$$

Now let us write the type equation in the form

$$x - \psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \left[ z - \psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right].$$

This means that the line passes through the point  $\psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$  and makes an angle whose tangent is  $\Phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$  with the axis of  $y$ . If  $\psi, \Phi, \Phi$  are uniform functions the type equation will represent two lines in the plane  $z, y$  which are symmetrical with respect to the axis of  $y$ . Let  $\theta$  denote the angle which they make with this axis.







be an example surface that the line passes through the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = R^2,$$

and make an angle  $\gamma$  with the axis of  $y$  equal to that made by the tangent to the circle at the point where the generating line meets the circle. We have

$$\varphi(x) = 0, \quad \psi(x) = R, \quad \phi(x) = x^2,$$

where the equation of the surface is

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - R = -\frac{x}{\gamma} z,$$

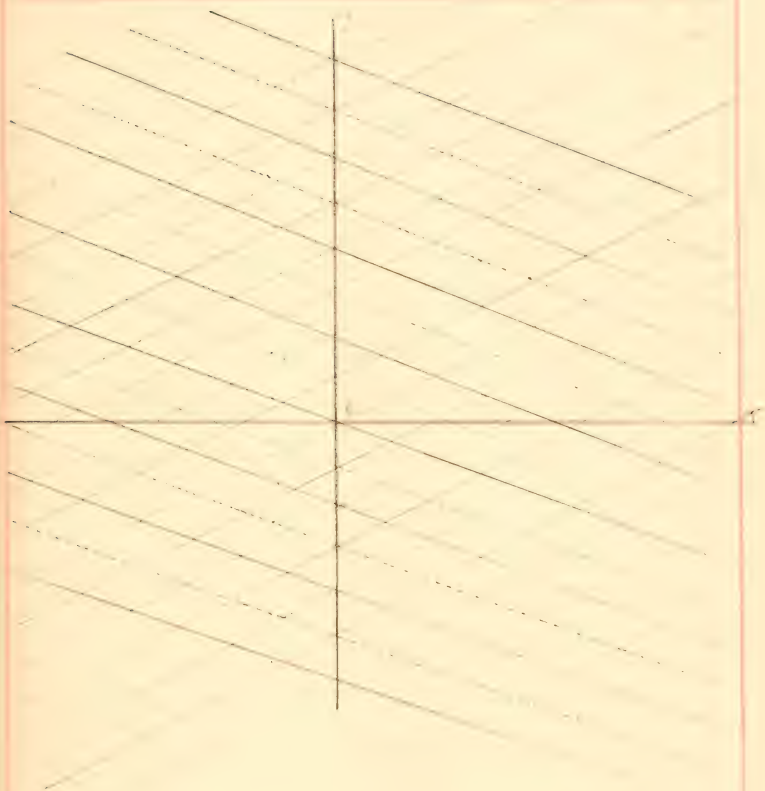
$$\text{or } (1 + x^2/y^2)z^2 = (R - x\gamma)^2,$$

which represents a parabolic scroll. Is an example of the case where  $\varphi, \psi, \phi$  are not all uniform; let us put

$$t = \psi/\varphi = R, \quad \phi = \phi(\varphi) = R \sin^2 \varphi.$$

These equations represent two lines which are symmetrical with respect to the axis.





Each positive measurement of them below  
and the negative measurements are symmetrical  
with respect to the axis of  $y$ . The question



of the surface is

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = \epsilon \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) [z - \tan^{-1} \epsilon].$$

The section of the surface by any plane through the axis of  $z$  divides the plane up into equal squares. For the section consists of two systems of lines equidistant with respect to the axis of  $z$  and each system consists of equidistant parallel lines. For the figure the full lines are due to the generator moving on one helix, while the dotted lines are due to the generator moving on the other helix. If the value of  $\epsilon$  is sufficiently small that is if  $\epsilon \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \approx 1$ , the section of the surface by any plane through the axis of  $z$  divides the plane up into equal squares and the size of the square does not vary with the cutting plane. For this case the equation of the surface is

$$z - \tan^{-1} \epsilon = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \epsilon \dots$$



If  $\bar{L}(\frac{x}{\lambda}) = 0$ , (that is if the generating line is parallel to the plane  $ax$ ) the locus of points is a conic on the surface having the ordinary focus as  $y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\lambda}$ .

13. Find the general equation of surface generated by the motion of a circle whose plane always passes through the axis of  $y$ , the center moving on one arbitrary curve and the circumference passing through another.

Let  $y_1, t_1$  be the coordinates of the center,  $y_2, t_2$  the coordinates of a point on the circumference. The equation of the circle will be  $(y - y_1)^2 + (t - t_1)^2 = (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (t_2 - t_1)^2$ . Suppose that

$$y = \phi_1(\frac{x}{\lambda}), \quad t = \psi_1(\frac{x}{\lambda}),$$

in the same manner the surface may be described as that  $y = \phi_2(\frac{x}{\lambda}), \quad t = \psi_2(\frac{x}{\lambda}),$





is the curve through which the circle passes.  
The equation of the circle now becomes

$$(x - \phi_1)^2 + (y - \psi_1)^2 = (\phi_2 - \psi_1)^2 + (\phi_1 - \psi_1)^2.$$

Substituting for  $t$  its value  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  in the equation of the circle we get for the equation of the surface

$$[x - \phi_1]^2 + [y - \psi_1]^2 = [\phi_2 - \psi_1]^2 + [\phi_1 - \psi_1]^2,$$

which may be put in the form

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2\phi_1(x) + x^2 + y^2 + 2\psi_1(y) + \phi_1^2 + \psi_1^2 = 0.$$

or in the equivalent form

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2\phi_1(x) + x^2 + y^2 + 2\psi_1(y) + \phi_1^2 + \psi_1^2 = 0.$$

If a shell of constant thickness is generated by the motion of a circle of constant radius  $r$  in a plane, the surface is a shell of constant thickness. Let us write the equation of the circle in the form

$$(x - \phi_1)^2 + (y - \psi_1)^2 = [r]^2,$$

which means that the center moves in a given curve while the radius remains constant to a given law. If  $r$  is a constant the surface is generated by an inextensible curve.



If  $\phi_1$  is constant the centre moves on a plane curve. If  $\phi_1$  is constant the centre moves on a curve which lies on a right circular cylinder.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 \left( \frac{y^2}{x} \right) &= R, \\ \phi_1 \left( \frac{z^2}{x} \right) &= 0, \\ \phi_1 \left( \frac{y^2}{x} \right) &= C, \end{aligned}$$

the surface is the envelope of. If  $\phi_1$  is zero, the centre moves on the axis of  $y$ .

In this case the equation of the surface becomes

$$y^2 + y \phi_1 \left( \frac{y^2}{x} \right) + x^2 + y^2 + \phi_2 \left( \frac{y^2}{x} \right) = 0.$$

Now it is possible to suppose that the type equation of the variable circle is

$$y^2 + z^2 = \left( r^2 / \frac{y^2}{x} \right)^2,$$

which shows that the centre is at the origin and that the radius is twice the tangent of the angle made with the axis of  $x$  by the corresponding radius  $OT$ . The equation of the surface is

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \left( r^2 / \frac{y^2}{x} \right)^2.$$



The section made by the plane of  $xy$  is  

$$xy^2 = \frac{x^3}{a^2}$$

The radius vectors of this curve, the origin being the pole, are the radii of the system of generating circles and in fact the radius vectors are the projections of the circles on the plane  $xy$ .



The curve is represented by the figure. The origin is a point of osculation, the axis of  $x$  being a common tangent to the two branches. The line

$$y = 0$$

is an asymptote of the curve. Suppose that the circle has a constant radius and that its centre moves over a straight line in the plane of  $xy$ . Find the equation of the curve.



passing by the vertices of this circle.  
The line for the position of the circle

$$x^2 + (t - t_0)^2 = r^2,$$

where  $t_0$  is the intersection of the vertical  
the center of the circle being the origin.

The polar equations of the ellipse are

$$\rho = \frac{L^2}{1 - e \cos \theta},$$

where

$$L^2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{1 - e^2},$$

where

$$e = \frac{L^2 / (x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 / (1 - e^2) + y^2},$$

so that

$$A_1 = \sqrt{\frac{L^2 / (x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 / (1 - e^2) + y^2}}.$$

Substituting for  $t$  and  $t_0$  the values from

the equations of the circle we get for the

equation of the circle we get

$$x^2 + \left( t - t_0 - \sqrt{\frac{L^2 / (x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 / (1 - e^2) + y^2}} \right)^2 = r^2.$$

If the circle is tangent to the axis of  
the ellipse we

$$t^2 + (y - y_0)^2 = 2rt,$$

Writing  $x_1 = \psi_1 \left( \frac{r}{x} \right)$ ,  $y_1 = \psi_2 \left( \frac{r}{x} \right)$ ,





The equation of the surface is

$$(x-m \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x})^2 + y^2 = 4, \quad \text{for } m > 0.$$

As an example suppose that an invariable

rod is pivoted at the origin of a moving

with its centre on a helix.

Let us suppose

$$t_1 = -v,$$

$$x_1 = m \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x},$$

then in  $y$ -space the helix has equation

$$\left[ (x - m \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x})^2 + x^2 + y^2 \right]^2 = 4(x^2 + y^2).$$

As another example suppose that the

rod is pivoted at the origin of a moving

the axis of  $y$  while its centre moves on the

helix of  $Platonic$  type.

Let us suppose

the helix is in the  $xy$ -plane

the equation of the generating helix is

$$(x - m \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x})^2 + y^2 = 4,$$

which is the point  $(x, y)$  on the helix.



the spiral takes the form

$$z^2 + (t - a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2})^2 = z^2.$$

Substituting for  $t$  its value  $\|x+y\|$  we get for the equation of the surface

$$\|x+y\|^2 + (t - a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2})^2 = z^2.$$

The section of the surface by the plane  $xy$  is

$$[t - a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2}]^2 = z^2 \Rightarrow t - a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2} = \pm z$$

or returning to polar coordinates

$$[t - a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2}]^2 = z^2 \Rightarrow t - a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2} = \pm z$$

which breaks up into the four spirals

$$t + z = a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$t - z = a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$t + z = -a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$t - z = -a \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

14. The central conic

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

will be determined if it is subjected to the condition of passing through the point  $(x_0, y_0)$ .



particular case of the general form of the surface.

$$x = \phi_1\left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right),$$

$$t = \phi_2\left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right);$$

$$z = \phi_3\left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right),$$

$$u = \psi\left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right)$$

introducing the equation of the cone, we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \\ \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 \\ \psi & \psi & \psi \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

hence that of the surface generated by the motion of this cone is

$$x^2(\phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2) + y^2(1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}) / (\phi_2^2 - \phi_1^2) = \phi_1^2 \phi_3^2 - \phi_2^2 \phi_3^2.$$

which may be written

$$x^2 \left[ \frac{\phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2}{\phi_2^2 - \phi_1^2} \right] + y^2 \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}}{\phi_2^2 - \phi_1^2} \right] = \phi_1^2 \phi_3^2 - \phi_2^2 \phi_3^2.$$

hence that the surface may be written

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

where upon it may be written

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1.$$



it is necessary, and sufficient that

$$\phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2 = \phi_1^2 \phi_2^2 \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$\frac{\phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2}{\phi_1^2 \phi_1^2 - \phi_1^2 \phi_2^2} = \frac{\phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2}{x^2 + y^2}$$

It is seen that the equation of the variable conic is

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2 & y^2 & 1 \\ \phi_1^2(x) & \phi_2^2(x) & 1 \\ \phi_1^2(x) & \phi_2^2(x) & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

If the two guiding curves are algebraic, then so is the surface. If they are transcendental, the surface will in general be transcendental.

It is now necessary to prove that

$$\frac{\phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2}{\phi_1^2 \phi_1^2 - \phi_1^2 \phi_2^2} \equiv F\left(\frac{y^2}{x}\right),$$

$$\frac{\phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2}{\phi_1^2 \phi_1^2 - \phi_1^2 \phi_2^2} \equiv G\left(\frac{y^2}{x}\right),$$





$F(\frac{y}{x})$  and  $G(\frac{y}{x})$  being alg. algebraic functions.

15. In general five points determine a conic or we may generate a surface by drawing a conic whose plane passes through the axes of  $y$  to meet on five arbitrary curves.

Suppose that the equation of the conic is  
 $at^2 + 2htz + bz^2 + at + btz + c = 0,$

and that it meets on the five curves

$$t = \psi_1(\frac{y}{x}), \quad z = \phi_1(\frac{y}{x});$$

$$t = \psi_2(\frac{y}{x}), \quad z = \phi_2(\frac{y}{x});$$

$$t = \psi_3(\frac{y}{x}), \quad z = \phi_3(\frac{y}{x});$$

$$t = \psi_4(\frac{y}{x}), \quad z = \phi_4(\frac{y}{x});$$

$$t = \psi_5(\frac{y}{x}), \quad z = \phi_5(\frac{y}{x}).$$

Consider the conic in any one of the,

and let the corresponding points for the five curves be  $(t_1, z_1), (t_2, z_2), (t_3, z_3), (t_4, z_4), (t_5, z_5)$  respectively.

The equation of the conic can then be written



$$\begin{vmatrix}
 t_1^2 & t_1 & 1 & x_1 & 1 \\
 t_2^2 & t_2 & 1 & x_2 & 1 \\
 t_3^2 & t_3 & 1 & x_3 & 1 \\
 t_4^2 & t_4 & 1 & x_4 & 1 \\
 t_5^2 & t_5 & 1 & x_5 & 1
 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Substituting for  $t$  in the above equation the value of  $t$  obtained from the equation of the generating circle we have

$$\begin{vmatrix}
 t^2 & t & 1 & x & 1 \\
 \psi_1^2(x) & \psi_1(x) & 1 & x_1 & 1 \\
 \psi_2^2(x) & \psi_2(x) & 1 & x_2 & 1 \\
 \psi_3^2(x) & \psi_3(x) & 1 & x_3 & 1 \\
 \psi_4^2(x) & \psi_4(x) & 1 & x_4 & 1 \\
 \psi_5^2(x) & \psi_5(x) & 1 & x_5 & 1
 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

These functions  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_4, \psi_5$  are linear functions of  $x$  and the equations take the form

$$\psi_1(x) + \psi_2(x) + \psi_3(x) + \psi_4(x) + \psi_5(x) = 0.$$

Substituting for  $t$  in the above equation we have



we get for the equation of the surface.

$$x^2 \psi_1(x) + x \psi_2(x) + x^2 \psi_3(x) + x \psi_4(x) + x \psi_5(x) + \psi_6(x) = 0,$$

or the equivalent form

$$x^2 \Psi_1(x) + x \Psi_2(x) + x^2 \Psi_3(x) + x \Psi_4(x) + x \Psi_5(x) + \Psi_6(x) = 0.$$

Either of these forms is the general equation of a surface generated by the motion of a curve whose characteristic passes through the origin. If the guiding curve is a straight line the surface will be a plane. If they are a circle the surface will be a quadric. If, however,

$$\frac{\psi_1(x)}{\psi_6(x)} = \frac{1}{x^2},$$

$$\frac{\psi_2(x)}{\psi_6(x)} = \frac{1}{x},$$

$$\frac{\psi_3(x)}{\psi_6(x)} = \frac{1}{x^2},$$

$$\frac{\psi_4(x)}{\psi_6(x)} = \frac{1}{x},$$

$$\frac{\psi_5(x)}{\psi_6(x)} = \frac{1}{x},$$

where  $\psi_6$  is a function of  $x$  only, then



the surface will be algebraic if  $A, B, C, D, E$  are algebraic. Let us now inquire what conditions the surface

$$x^2\eta_1 + xz\eta_2 + z^2\eta_3 + x\eta_4 + z\eta_5 + \eta_6 = 0,$$

must satisfy in order to be a quadric surface. It has appeared not to be particularly easy, if it is actually a quadric surface, to find the conditions which it must satisfy. However, it is easy to say that the quadric surface must pass through the origin. The equation of the quadric may therefore be written

$$d'x^2 + e'y^2 + c'z^2 + d'xyz + e'xy + f'yz + g'x + h'y + c'z + 1 = 0,$$

which may be put in the form

$$x(d + d'\frac{y^2}{x^2} + e'\frac{yz}{x^2}) + y(e + e'\frac{xy}{x^2}) + z(c + c'\frac{yz}{x^2}) + g'x + h'y + c'z + 1 = 0.$$

However, for the general equation may represent a quadric surface, it is necessary, and sufficient, that the form of the equation should be of the form





$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y}{x} &= \frac{y_1}{x_1} + \frac{y_2}{x_2} + \frac{y_3}{x_3} \\ \frac{y}{x} &= \frac{y_1}{x_1} + \frac{y_2}{x_2} + \frac{y_3}{x_3} \\ \frac{y}{x} &= \frac{y_1}{x_1} + \frac{y_2}{x_2} + \frac{y_3}{x_3} \end{aligned}$$

16. To find the intersection of two planes given  
 stated by a cubic whose plane passes  
 through the origin and which is  
 non-degenerate.

$$x^2y_1 + x^2y_2 + x^2y_3 + x^2y_4 + y^2x_1 + y^2x_2 + y^2x_3 + y^2x_4 + y_1y_2 + y_1y_3 + y_1y_4 + y_2y_3 + y_2y_4 + y_3y_4 + y_1y_2y_3 + y_1y_2y_4 + y_1y_3y_4 + y_2y_3y_4 = 0.$$

From equation (1) we get the following  
 and see under what conditions this equation  
 will represent the cubic curve.

$$ax^3 + by^3 + cz^3 + dx^2y + ex^2z + fx^2y^2 + gxy^2z + hxy^2z^2 + ixy^2z^3 + jxy^2z^4 + kx^2y^2 + lx^2y^3 + mx^2y^4 + nx^2y^5 + ox^2y^6 + px^2y^7 + qx^2y^8 + rx^2y^9 + sx^2y^{10} + tx^2y^{11} + uy^3 + v = 0,$$

which may be written

$$\begin{aligned} & x^3(a + d \frac{y}{x} + e \frac{z}{x} + f \frac{y^2}{x^2}) + x^2(h + g \frac{y}{x} + i \frac{z}{x}) + x(l + m \frac{y}{x} + n \frac{z}{x}) \\ & + y^3(c + j \frac{y}{x} + k \frac{z}{x}) + y^2(p + q \frac{y}{x} + r \frac{z}{x}) + y(u + v \frac{y}{x} + w \frac{z}{x}) + 1 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients we get the



necessary and sufficient conditions are

$$\frac{q_1(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = a + d \frac{x}{x} + f \frac{x^2}{x^2} + b \frac{x^3}{x^3},$$

$$\frac{q_2(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = K + m \frac{x}{x} + l \frac{x^2}{x^2} + n \frac{x^3}{x^3},$$

$$\frac{q_3(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = c + e \frac{x}{x},$$

$$\frac{q_4(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = -h + i \frac{x}{x},$$

$$\frac{q_5(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = h + g \frac{x}{x},$$

$$\frac{q_6(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = -h + g \frac{x}{x},$$

$$\frac{q_7(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = 0$$

$$\frac{q_8(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = 0$$

$$\frac{q_9(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = 0$$

$$\frac{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = 1$$

$$\frac{q_{11}(\frac{x}{x})}{q_{10}(\frac{x}{x})} = 0$$

17. We have found in the previous chapter the equations of a surface of the 2nd order.



order which have passed through the  
axis of  $y$  and which intersect  $y/(n+1)$

in  $n$  points

of the equation of the curve in

$$(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n+1}) // (t, x)^m = 0,$$

is  $m$  for the surface generated by the plane

$$(t, x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n+1}) // (t, x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n+1})^m = 0.$$

If the guiding curve is an algebraic curve  
of order  $m$  the surface is of order  $m$ . If they are  
transcendental, the surface is in general  
of infinite order. If they are  
algebraic and we consider the locus of  
the intersection of the planes of the pencil,  
they become a plane.

We shall now consider the surface  
generated by the envelope of a variable  
plane curve. Let the equation of the  
variable plane curve be

$$f(x, y, z) = 0.$$



the coefficients of the equations being functions of  $x$ . If  $\eta, t$  be the coordinates of the centre of curvature at the point  $(x, y)$  of the curve, we have

$$(1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2)^{3/2} H(t - t') \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0.$$

If  $y$  is one of the equations to the curve,  $\eta, t, t'$  can be expressed in terms of  $x$  from the above equations, we can by eliminating  $x$  obtain a relation between  $t$  and  $t'$  which is the equation to the evolute of the curve. It may be the equation of the evolute by

$$H(t, t') = 0.$$

The coefficients of the equations being functions of  $x$ , substituting for  $x$  in the equation of the evolute, we get for the equation of the surface generated by the curve

$$R(x, y, z) = 0.$$





As an example, let us find the equations of the surface generated by the revolution of the variable hypocyloid

$$|z|^5 + |t|^5 = [q(\frac{z}{t})]^5$$

about the equation of the circle

$$|z+t|^5 + |z-t|^5 = 2[q(\frac{z}{t})]^5,$$

where that of the surface is

$$|z + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}|^5 + |z - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}|^5 = 2[q(\frac{z}{t})]^5.$$

19. Now let us consider the surface generated by the parallel to a plane curve whose plane passes through the origin of  $z$ .

Let

$$f(z, t) = 0,$$

be the equation of the curve, the coefficients of the equation being functions of  $\frac{z}{t}$ . Let

$z', t'$  be a point on this curve and let  $x$  be the distance from the origin to the curve in the plane of the point. We get







$$m = \varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right).$$

The pt for the equations of the parallel  
~~the surface is~~

$$-(x^2 + y^2 - 4mxy)^2 + 4(z - m)^2 = 0,$$

$$m = \varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right).$$

The equation of the surface is therefore

$$x^6 - [5(x^2 + y^2) + y^2 + 8y\varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - 8[\varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)]^2]x^4 +$$

$$[4x^2\varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 + [x^2 - 4xy\varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + 4\varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2]y^2 - 4xy\varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2]x^2 - [x^2 + y^2 - 4y\varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)][x^2 + y^2 + 4y\varphi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)] = 0.$$

19. I shall now give two or three special cases of the generation of surfaces.

Let us generate a surface by means of a lemniscate in the same way that an ellipsoid is generated by a variable ellipse. The variable ellipse lies in a plane through the one of  $g$  and  $g'$  and is perpendicular to the line  $gg'$  when the extremity of the other moves on an ellipse whose centre is the origin of the



of  $xy$ .  $\therefore$  generate the corresponding surface for the annulate the <sup>assembly of the</sup> semi-area of the annulate in the plane  $LOV$  must remain the same as in the plane of  $xy$ . Let the point  $P$  be in the plane of  $xy$  be

$$(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0).$$

On transforming to polar coordinates, the equation becomes

$$r^2 = a^2 \cos^2 \theta.$$

The equation of the generating curve must therefore be

$$(r^2 + z^2) = a^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad \text{or} \quad (r^2 + z^2) = a^2 \cos^2 \theta.$$

which is a surface of revolution.

$$(r^2 + z^2)^2 = a^2 \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} - (r^2 - z^2).$$

Letting  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$  and  $z^2 = z^2$  the equation of the surface

$$(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 = a^2 \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} - (x^2 + y^2 - z^2)$$

which represents a surface of the second order.





The surface is an isolated line of the  
 surface is a point, as an isolated point  
 of a curve is a double point, or the line  
 is a double line, and is cut by a plane  
 in two coincident points. The surface  
 has a quadruple point at the origin,  
 for any line through the origin cuts the  
 generating lines in four coincident  
 points. While the intersection with the  
 axes of  $x$  is at  $a$ , and of  $y$  is at  $b$ , and  
 of  $z$  is at  $c$ , the surface has a  
 line through the origin which meets  
 the surface in four coincident points,  
 when we are on one of the axes. It passes  
 through the origin.

$$(x^2 - y^2)/(x^2 + y^2 - z^2) = 0,$$

that is, they are on the cone

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0,$$

and are in two planes.



$$x^2 + y^2 = 0$$

from the section of the surface by any plane through the axis of the generating hemisphere and an isolated line, namely the axis of  $x$ , when the tangent to the hemisphere at the origin bisects the angle between the axis of  $y$  and the axis of  $z$  is

$$x^2 + y^2 = 0,$$

where the cone is bounded by the generating tangents.

These tangents therefore cut the surface in six coincident points and this number is easily accounted for. Each tangent cuts the hemisphere in four coincident points, for each branch of the hemisphere has a point of inflexion at the origin, and the intersection with the axis of  $y$  consists of two points, whence the tangents to the hemisphere cut the surface in six coincident points.



It remains to show why the axis in  
the plane  $x^2 + y^2 = 0$ ,

of the surface is a straight line.  
In each of these planes the generating  
lemniscate reduces to

$$(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 0,$$

hence every line through the origin in each of  
these planes is a part of the generating  
the wire goes round four times which  
with the intersection with the axis of  $z$  makes  
up the complete wire.

Formulas for the radius

$$r = \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)} = 2a \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}.$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between the axis of  $z$  and  
the generating curve. The curve is a hyperbola  
with two branches one commencing at  $r_1$  and  
 $r_2$  and a branch commencing at  $r_3$  and extending  
indefinitely beyond it. Let us suppose  
 $r_1 = r_2$  and the equations will become



$$t^2 = (z - z_1)(z - z_2)^2$$

where  $z_2$  is greater than  $z_1$ . The point  $z_1$  has  
 now closed up to  $z_2$ , the oval has joined  
 the infinite branch and the point  $z_2$  has  
 become a double point. If, however,  $z_2 = z_1$ ,  
 then the equation becomes

$$t^2 = (z - z_1)^3$$

and the oval has shrunk into the double  
 point  $z_1$ . If we suppose

$$z_1 = z_2 = z_3$$

the equation becomes

$$t^2 = (z - z_1)^3$$

and the point  $z_1$  becomes a triple point. If the double  
 remains invariable, the surface of revolution  
 generated by the curve will be of the  
 third order. It can be shown that the  
 surface of revolution is the only curve sur-  
 face which plane sections through the  
 apex  $z_1$  can consist entirely of cubics.





of this kind. For if the cubic is small  
in order that the surface may be cubic  
we must have

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = \text{constant},$$

$$x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_3 + x_2 x_3 = \text{constant},$$

$$x_1 x_2 x_3 = \text{constant},$$

that is three quadratic in the roots of a  
cubic equation with constant coefficients,  
the parameters constants and the gener-  
ating cubic is immovable. One can suppose  
however that the generating cubic is the cube  
 $y^3 = (t-t_1)(t-t_2)$ .

Suppose that  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are the two roots  
for  $t$  in the

$$t^2 - 2pt + q = 0,$$

while  $z$ , measures the roots

$$t = 2a,$$

It is readily got for the equation of the surface

$$y^3 = \left( (t-t_1)^2 - \frac{(t-t_1)^2}{(t-t_2)^2} \right) (t-t_2)^2 = 0.$$



which when expanded becomes

$$\left[ (x^2 + 4axy + y^2 + a^2x^2 + a^2y^2) / (x^2 + y^2)^2 + b^2 / (x^2 + y^2)^2 \right]^2 = (x^2 + y^2) \left[ (x^2 + y^2)^2 + 4a^2x^2y^2 + b^2a^2xy / (x^2 + y^2) \right]^2,$$

which represents a surface of the fourth order. The surface has no isolated points, the curve with four branches which is more. The general rectangular coordinates are

$$(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 1 + a^2x^2y^2.$$

∴ The method may be readily extended to the general case of a curve of a higher order of a plane curve, the curve being the only one of the family that is not a straight line. The space of  $n$  dimensions will be obtained by eliminating  $n$  terms.

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

and  $\psi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0, \quad (x = \frac{1}{2})$   
 where the first equation represents a homogeneous system, a + the second a plane curve lying in the plane  $x_n = 0$ , the axes being supposed not singular.



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